



Dee (Alva) Reszka

September 6, 1928 - May 14, 2026

Dee (Alva) Reszka, age 97, of Bloomington, Indiana, passed away peacefully in her home on May 14th, 2026.

Born on September 6, 1928, in Alto, Tennessee, Dee was raised in a large country family. She shared a close bond with her sisters that became a beloved hallmark of their lives. This special sisterhood was warmly featured in The Tennessean in 2015. View “The Marlowe Sisters” here:

<https://www.tennessean.com/picture-gallery/news/2015/11/20/the-marlowe-sisters/76119732/>.

A devoted and caring wife to Ralph Reszka for nearly four decades, Dee lovingly and supportively raised their four children—Linda, Walter, Mark, and Frank—guided by principles of Proverbs 31. Dee’s personal faith, church ministries (Eucharistic, Nursing Homes, The Church Board, The Prayer Group) and community services, namely Stone Belt, were very dear to her. As an engaging and empathetic conversationalist, she provided life-changing counsel, wisdom and prayer for her loved ones.

Dee possessed a uniquely surprising sense of humor, unwavering faith and supportive business acumen. Her home was a place of refuge for both family and friends alike, especially when they needed it the most. She was an all-

around beauty.

Dee is survived by her four children, Linda, Walter, Mark, and Frank. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Christie, Chadwick, Jason, Amydee, and Danielle, as well as her 9 great-grandchildren and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

In keeping with her caring heart, Dee cared for people as if it were her life's mission. She took care of a friend while they were recovering from a health issue. She provided shelter for her eldest grandchildren when times were hard. She even gladly took in her great-grandson Christopher, whom she helped raise with the same devotion that she showed anyone in great need. All in all, she claimed that around 40 people had stayed in her guest room when they had no other place to go. She consistently showed compassion and motherly care to people, especially when they needed it most.

Dee is further survived by her longtime friends Thomas, Edda Mae, Doris, Patty, and Lisa, all of whom were and are loved as honorary members of the family.

Dee was a remarkable woman of God, who will be deeply missed and remembered. Memories of her will live on as treasures in the hearts of all, who knew her.

In lieu of flowers please give donations to Saint Charles Borromeo Church.

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory 4155 South Old State Road 37 has been entrusted with the arrangements and a Mass of Christian Burial will be held for Alva on Monday, May 18, 2026 at 12:00PM Noon at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church.

Online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at www.allencares.com

Cemetery Details

Rose Hill Cemetery

West 4th Street
Bloomington, IN 47401

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

MAY 18. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

St Charles Borromeo Church
2222 E 3rd St
Bloomington, IN 47401-5385
(812) 336-6846

Tribute Wall

DP

“ She was a wonderful lady. Had thought of her not long ago. Our sympathy to all of you. I am sure she will be missed. Terry and Dixie Patterson.

Dixie and Terry Patterson - May 22 at 04:52 PM

MA

“ I met Dee and Frank, several years ago, at the recycle center. We were friends instantly. I knew that they were special friends from the start. I will miss her so much. My prayers for the family, love you. Mary Hunter

Mary - May 21 at 01:43 PM

MF

“ Please know our sincere thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Marcelle Pfenninger's Family - May 20 at 10:27 PM

HW

“ Mark and family, I am sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you at this time.

henry wichman - May 18 at 04:06 PM

JJ

“ Dee was a gem. She was such a great friend to my mom, Patty. She will be missed.

Jacki Jordan - May 18 at 02:36 PM

CC

“ *Ralph and Dee Reszka*
Dee was a mother to many over the years.
Linda, Walter, Mark, and Frank



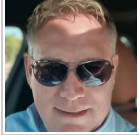
Christie Cox - May 17 at 05:32 PM

WR

“ *3 files added to the tribute wall*



Walter Reszka - May 16 at 06:55 PM



“ I will always remember Nana as one of the most loving, kind-hearted, and genuinely beautiful souls I have ever had the privilege to know. Having her as part of my family was an incredible blessing that I will never take for granted. Her life was a reflection of her unwavering faith—she was so deeply God-focused, and it showed in everything she did. She never stopped reaching out, never stopped caring, and never stopped giving to anyone who crossed her path. Her compassion knew no limits.

Her home was more than just a place—it was a refuge. It carried a warmth, a peace, and a sense of comfort that made you feel safe the moment you walked in. Even now, I can still remember the smell, the feeling of the furniture, the atmosphere of love—it’s all permanently etched in my memory and in my heart.

She was there for me when I truly needed someone, offering not only support but a love that was steady, selfless, and unconditional. Her love stands alone in my life—it was unique, powerful, and pure in a way that is rare. I will forever cherish the wisdom she shared, the encouragement she gave, and the example she set of how to live with grace, faith, and kindness.

I will always consider her my grandmother. Even though our connection came through marriage that has since passed, that never changed how she saw me or how she loved me. To her, I was always family, and she proved that time and time again. That kind of love is something I will carry with me forever.

I will miss her deeply—but I hold onto the peace and hope of knowing that I will see her again. Until that day, I will honor her memory by living out the love she so freely gave.

Rest in peace, Nana—you have truly earned your heavenly reward.

With all my love,

Cory Robinson



WR

“ This is a beautiful picture of Mom taken after she had her hair done about four months ago



Walter Reszka - May 16 at 12:17 PM

RF

“ Rodney, Lora & family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dee (Alva) Reszka.



Rodney, Lora & family - May 15 at 11:36 AM

RF

“ Rodney, Lora & family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Alva Dee Reszka.

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AA

“ Adam & Cassie Abrell planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Alva Dee Reszka.

Adam & Cassie Abrell - May 15 at 10:40 AM

MM

“ Marilyn, David, Roger & Sharon Marlowe purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dee (Alva) Reszka.



Marilyn, David, Roger & Sharon Marlowe - May 15 at 08:38 AM

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“ Dee you were always such a loving and caring aunt. I will remember you and Uncle Ralph always in my heart and prayers. My prayers for Walter, Linda, Mark and Frank as I know they are mourning your loss. Love Roger

Roger Marlowe - May 15 at 08:33 AM

WR

Thank you, Roger that means a lot

Walter Reszka - May 16 at 12:22 PM